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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/810,835; Filed: March 29, 2004
For: **Multi-Wheel-Drive Vehicle with a Front Transaxle Device**
Inventor: Akihiro IMA
Our Ref: 0666.1760002/TGD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Claim For Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) In Utility Application; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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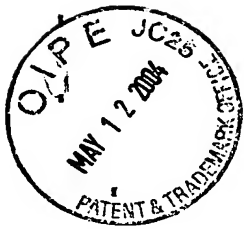
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**Claim For Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)
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Sir:

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) is hereby claimed to the following priority document, filed in a foreign country within twelve (12) months prior to the effective filing of the above-referenced United States utility patent application:

Country	Priority Document Appl. No	Filing Date
JAPAN	2000-172151	June 8, 2000

A certified copy of the listed priority document was submitted in the grandparent case (Appl. No. 09/876,092). Prompt acknowledgment of this claim and submission is respectfully requested.

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